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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Case No. 99,369)

In re Application of: Brewer et al.

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For: Nucleic Acids Encoding
TNF Inhibitor and Method
For Obtaining Same



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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request that this application be reconsidered in light of the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claims 22-75 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Insert new claims 76-82 as shown below.

76. An isolated nucleic acid comprising a nucleotide sequence as shown in Figure 20 or a fragment thereof encoding a TNF inhibitor having TNF inhibitory activity or a TNF inhibitory fragment, wherein the TNF inhibitor or TNF inhibitory fragment has a non-native cysteine residue at the N-terminus, C-terminus, residue 14 or residue 105.

B 2-1. The nucleic acid of Claim 76, wherein said cysteine residue in said TNF inhibitor is at residue 105.

78. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the TNF inhibitor encoded by the nucleic acid of Claim 76.

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